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GOVERNOR OF BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, GENERAL (R) IBERICO SAINT
JEAN, JUNE 6 DECLARED HIMSELF AGAINST ALL FORMS OF TOTALITARIAN-
ISM AND ANGRILY ATTACKED NEW YORK TIMES FOR MAY 25 EDITORIAL IN-
CLUDING REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY "A LIBEL PUBLISHED IN EUROPE
BY A GUERRILLA GROUP OF NOTORIOUS SUBVERSIVE MILITANCY."

IN MEETING ATTENDED BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND LOCAL
MEDIA, GENERAL SAINT JEAN READ LETTER TO A.M. ROSENTHAL OF
TIMES. TIMES CORRESPONDENT JUAN DE ONIS WAS HANDED
COPY OF LETTER BY GOVER PERSONALLY. (WE UNDERSTAND LETTER
TELEXED DIRECTLY TO ROSENTHAL BY GOA.)

BEFORE READING LETTER, HE TOLD GROUP: "AS ARGENTINE I
FEEL AGGRIEVED BY THE DITORIAL NOTE PUBLISHED BY NEW YORK TIMES.
IT HAS BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE WE STOPPED BEING A COLONY AND THE
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EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES OUGHT TO KNOW IT. IT WORRIES ME
THAT THAT MEDIUM IS DIRECTED BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE EDITOR."
HE THEN ADDED, "I CHALLENGE ANYONE TO SHOW MEN WHEN AND
WHERE I PRONOUNCED THE CONCEPTS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTED TO ME."

IN PART TZMT READS "EDITORIAL COMMENT
PUBLISHED NEW YORK TIMES MAY 25 REPRODUCES WORDS WHICH WERE

SLANDEROUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO ME IN LIBEL PUBLISHED BY GUERRILLA GROUP OF NOTORIOUS SUBVERSIVE MILITANCY ("ARGENTINA-GENOCIDE ON TRIAL," ELLOS QUEREJETA PUBLISHERS, 1977)... YOU MAKE ALLEGATIONS OF IDEAS AND PURPOSES AGAINST ME WHICH ARE MANIFESTLY FALSE, AND PROMOTE ADOPTION OF MEASURES WHICH ARE OFFENSIVE TO ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY ON PRETEXT THEY ARE NECESSARY TO RESTRAIN FASCIST TENDENCIES.

"AS GOVERNOR BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE I AM IDENTIFIED WITH BASIC OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL REORGANIZATION PROCESS ENUNCIATED MARCH 24, 1976. SUCH ... ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH TOTALITARIAN IDEOLOGIES WHICH IN COURSE OF CENTURY HAVE BROUGHT DEGRADATION OF MAN, HIS DIGNITY AND FREEDOM...

"FASCISM, NATIONAL SOCIALISM, RACISM AND ALL FORMS GENOCIDE ARE AS MUCH AT ODDS WITH REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY OF BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS DIVERSE EXPRESSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM..."

GOVERNOR CONCLUDED THAT "IN GOVERNMENT OF OPEN DOORS SUCH AS OUR SIMPLE CONSULTATION WOULD HAVE SUFFICED (FOR NEW YORK TIMES) TO KNOW TRUTH."
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